

## Making a Friend

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\*Yawn\* "What a wonderful day it is!" whispered Luna in awe as she looked at the window. It sure was a wonderful day in October. The sky had a fair shade of blue and the sun shone brightly along the puddles that were left over by the rain Wellitown had last night. The trees were swaying left and right like if they were dancing and the animals were out.

She got dressed and prepared her backpack for school today. "Homework, pencil case, phone, headphones, computer, books, keys, " mumbled Luna. "I think that's about it." She raced downstairs to have breakfast and then smelled the delicious pancakes her dad always makes.

"Your mom is already at work, Luna." said her dad. "Yeah I know" said Luna cooly. "Here." "Yum" similed Luna happily as she gobbled her pancakes. "I better get to work." chuckled her dad. "Or my boss would get mad at me." Luna laughed. "Alright. Then I need to get to school. Or my teachers would get mad at me." "Good one." replied her dad, laughing that if they were late, they would both be in trouble.

He got in his car and drove away. Luna looked at her phone. "Oh man. I have to get to school now." It was 8:15. School starts at 9:00 and walking takes about 35 mins. *If I run I might be there at 8:32.* Thought Luna as she ran out of the house and raced to Hollola Middle School.

Suddenly, someone blocked her way. "In a rush, Lunar?" smirk Izzy. Luna's face darkened. School bully. "It's Luna dummy. And I am going to be late for school." snapped Luna, rolling her eyes. "Oh wow. So you don't want to be late. Huh?" sneered Izzy. Luna shoved Izzy out of the way. "Where do you think you are going?" snapped Izzy. "To school. Duh." replied Luna. Before Izzy could say something else, Luna mentioned something. "You know that we have a Math test first thing in the morning. "soothed Luna.

Izzy turned as white as a ghost. She turned around and ran. Luna smirked but then ran off to. Mr Pat does not like when students are late on a test and there was a Math test. She got to school just in time. There were 15 mins left until school would start. She got to her locker and took objects in and out. Then she went to Mr Pat, the Math teacher and her homeroom teacher.

Just in time. Luna went to an open seat and started to see people storming and spilling in and out like bulls. Then she saw Izzy. People looked at her if she was a garbage can. She was covered in dust and her hair was a mess. It looked like a bird nest. Luna wanted to laugh. She spotted a lot of other people wanting to laugh too. But then Mr. Pat just came in and everyone was just dead silent.

"Goodness sake Izzy!" cried Mr. Pat, horrified by Izzy's hair. "What happens to your hair?!" "Just my little sister. "replied Izzy as she walked towards an empty seat. "She messed up my hair." Mr. Pat



shrugged. "Alright people. Time for the pop quiz." shouted Mr. Pat so the kids at the back could hear. "You have 55 min to finish. If you studied hard, it would be a piece of cake. I will return it at the end of the day. "He slapped down the quiz on their desks. Once he was done, he yelled, "BEGAIN!!!!"

The room was dead silent. You could only hear pencils scratching, paper flipping and the ticking clock. Luna was quick with the test. *Easy. 25 of course. A. 8x9= 72*. She glanced at Izzy. It was pretty hard to see if she was struggling or not because of her hair. Luna turned back to her work. Luna then stood up and gave the teacher her quiz. She sat back down.

It was lunch time. Luna went to her locker and got her lunch. She sat down and chose who to sit with. Luna was popular though school. A lot of people have wanted to sit with her since then. They weren't her real friends. She just likes playing soccer with them. Her only wish was to make real friends.

Luna was popular throughout school because her mom worked in the best shop in Wellitown. Her dad also works in the best phone company. But the main reason she was popular is that she was super good at everything and that she was very smart. People said that she was gifted.

Luna didn't have true friends. She is only friends with the kids that play soccer with her because they are just fun to play with. They can be very mean to younger and older grades. Luna doesn't like that.

Soon lunch was over and everyone went outside to play. Luna raced over to the soccer field. Then made 2 teams, Team Blue and Team Red. "Can I play?" a sudden voice said. Everyone turned around. There standed a girl with brown hair. She looked at them shyly. "Sure." shrugged Liam. He was the coach or the referee. He was usually in charge. "Kay." smiled the girl.

They didn't know the girl's name and assumed that she was new to the school. Luna knew that she saw her somewhere but where? Anyway, they had so much fun with the new girl. She was pretty good at playing soccer which surprised everybody.

The bell rang in a few minutes later after the last goal was scored. "Alright!" shouted Liam. "Team Blue wins!" There was a lot of cheers and laughter. "That was fun!" cried Luna. "Yeah." added the new girl. "We don't know your name. Can you tell us?" remarked a girl named Lille. "Sure." answered the girl. "I am Nova." "Cool name." Luna remarked. "Thanks. " replied Nova shyly.

There were still some classes to take. "Next is Chemistry." announced Luna to herself. She went straight to her locker and she saw Izzy. Luna rolled her eyes. She tried to not look at what she was doing but the force was too strong. It looked like she was bullying a kid again. She couldn't tell. Luna couldn't see what she was doing. The bell rang as she tried to go where Izzy was. *Oh well.* Luna raced to the Chemistry class.



The bell rang and people spilled out. She just needed to go back to the Math classroom to get her test back. There was a big line up. Nova came behind her. "Big line." Luna said. Nova nodded. Luna glanced at her. She looked like if she was avoiding someone. The line got smaller and smaller and soon Luna got her test back. Yessssssssssssssssssss. An A+.

The bell rang again. Luna walked out of class. It was the end of the day. She got to her locker and got homework and other things she needed to get home. She went outside and glanced at Izzy. She went behind the school. Strange. Going behind the school is off limits. Even Mark who couldn't remember a single thing knew that. Luna gazed at the crowd. Nobody was watching. Luna slipped past everyone and went behind the school.

"Here. I got all the things you want me to get. So here." a voice squeaked. "I told you to get blueberry. Not original!" shrieked another voice. *Definitely Izzy's*. "Sorry." said the squeaking voice. Luna then felt if somebody was punching her. *That's Nova!* "Sorry is not enough! I want the blueberry one!" fumed Izzy.

"That's enough!" hissed Luna. She stepped out of her hiding place. Izzy's angry face turned into a smile. "Well want are you doing here." flashed Izzy, flashing a fake smile. "Talk about you Izzy. You were here first. " snickered Luna, rolling her eyes. She pushed Izzy out of the way and grabbed Nova's arm. "Let's go. " said Luna frimley. "Kay." nodded Nova. "Where are you going missy?" cried Izzy. "With her." yelled Nova.

"What are you doing behind here." growled a voice. Luna recognized it right away. It was Mr. Pat. Izzy turned to Miss. Innocent. "Luna was bullying me!!" said Izzy sweetly. "What? No way!" sputtered Luna. "Really?" doubted Mr. Pat. "That's not true!" blurted Nova. "Izzy was bullying me!" "Was not." snapped Izzy.

There were a lot of, "It was you, not me", "What do you mean?" "No" and "Yes." "That's enough." interrupted Mr. Pat. "Enough arguing. I already know the truth. Nova is correct." said Mr. Pat. Izzy's mouth opened.

"I followed Luna here." acknowledged Mr. Pat. "Wait what?" said Luna, confused. "You see, I saw Luna going behind the school. I just got out." responded Mr. Pat. "Going behind the school is off limits. I knew something was wrong. I decided to follow her. "I heard the whole entire thing."

"Izzy. You are going to be suspended from school for a while. This is the 5th time that you are bullying a student." Mr. Pat shook his head in disbelief. "I would have to report this to the principal and your parents, Izzy." Nova and Luna exchanged looks. They smiled.



They got to the front of the school and walked home. "Wanna come to my house?" beamd Luna, happy that Izzy got suspended. "Sure." smiled Nova. They did homework and talked and played too. Luna and Nova realized that they had a lot of things in common. They both don't have any siblings, their favorite color is blue, their favorite sport is soccer and they have so much freetime. It was soon after dark and Nova had to go home for dinner.

Once Nova got out, she hesitated. She turned around and slurred., "Do you want to be friends?" Luna smiled. "Of course." Nova smiled back. She skipped home happily. Luna watched her. Then she was surprised and then smacked herself. She lived 6 blocks away. That's where she saw her for the first time.

The next day, Luna did her morning routine and then went straight towards Nova's house. Just about Luna wanted to knock on the door. Nova opened it herself. "Come on." shouted Nova as she raced towards school. "I bet I would beat you there!" betted Nova. Luna smiled. "She ran and caught up to her. "Really? Then see ya." cried Luna. She smiled. Her life got a whole lot better.

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